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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

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Claims No:

Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims Claims

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Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims Yes:

Claims No:

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V:

1 With respect to independent claim 1

Document D1, which is considered to be the closest prior art discloses:

"A press-contacting conductive terminal device, comprising: a non-conductive enclosure (10) defining a cylindrically shaped through hole (11), a front end and a rear end of the through hole having a first opening (111) and a second opening (112), respectively;

at least one contact member (30) having a front end portion (31) and a rear end portion (32), an outside diameter of the rear end portion being slightly larger than an outside diameter of the front portion, the rear end portion being slideably received in the through hole;

at least one resilient member (40), being received in the through hole (11), one end thereof abutting against the rear end portion (32) of the contact member (30) and causing the front end portion (31) of the contact member to extend through the first opening (111) and beyond a front end of the non-conductive enclosure (10), a stop portion (113) placed on the first opening (111) of the non conductive enclosure to prevent the rear end (32) of the contact member from moving out of the through hole (11);

at least one base (20), including two side wings (21) and a contact portion (22), the side wings extending together from the contact portion (22)"

from which the subject matter of independent claim 1 differs in that

"the side wings have a planar surface a portion of which is tangent to an inner surface of the cylindrically shaped through hole (11), the contact portion (22) completely covering the second opening (112) on the rear end of the through hole (11) when the base is inserted into the rear end of the non conductive enclosure; the rear end (32) of the contact member (30) located between the two side wings (21) of the base with an outer wall of the rear end (32) of the contact member (30) sliding in continuous electrical contact with an inner wall of the two side wings (21)"

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These features solve the problem of providing a better electrical connection between the front end portion and the rear end portion of the press-contacting conductive terminal device and as well assuring a reliable mechanical connection of said conductive device with the insulation housing while preventing the need of a large amount of material to manufacture the contact.

There is no hint in the prior art on how to solve this problem. The subject matter of independent claim 1 is new and inventive. (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

With respect to the dependent claims.

Claims 2-7 are dependent claims and refer to further developments on the subject matter of claim 1, and therefore comply with the requirements of Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT.

 The subject matter of the present application refers to press-contacting conductive terminal device which has clearly an industrial applicability.